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Governor McAuliffe Announces Increase in Summer Meals Feeding Sites for 2014

Number of meals served during June 2014 rose 22% from previous year

Last month **Governor Terry McAuliffe** announced that the number of feeding sites for the national **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** increased from 1,539 in 2013 to 1,590 this year. Additionally, the number of meals served during June 2014 rose from 759,643 to 928,057, more than a 22 percent increase over the previous year.

“Summer meals services are critical components in keeping our children healthy, well fed, and ready to lead active and engaged livelihoods,” said Governor McAuliffe. “When our children have access to healthy food, they are better prepared to learn and succeed, and the Summer Meals Service Program ensures that Virginia children and families can access quality, nutritious meals even during the months when school is not in session.”

Feeding sites are located within school attendance zones where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible to receive free and reduced lunches. More than 512,000 students in Virginia public schools currently qualify.

SFSP was established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure that low income children continue to receive nutritious meals all year round. Free meals, that meet Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children under the age of 18 years in areas that qualify. During the summer of 2013, approximately 3,985,805 meals were served during the May through August.

A number of factors helped increase participation in the SFSP this year including a partnership with the Library of Virginia, which linked the feeding program with its summer reading program in local libraries, and the robust efforts of First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe.

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A Call for Proposals

Virginia Head Start Association Conference Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center - Abingdon, Virginia

March 24-26, 2015

Would anyone like to present or co-present with me at the Virginia Head Start State Association Workshop? A few ideas – Early Literacy Activity Centers and the Importance of Play; Every Child Ready to Read; and how services offered by the public libraries fit with Head Start goals; Other ideas are welcome, too. – Enid

VAHSA 2015 Call for Proposals

Accepting proposals for workshops in the following areas:

- Family Engagement
- Developing Family Outcomes
- PFCE Framework
- Parent involvement, including male involvement and fatherhood
- Education
- Leadership Development
- Program Design and Management
- Fiscal Management
- Family/Community Partnerships
- Early Head Start
- Working with Special Needs Children
- Health, including mental health, nutrition, dental
- Diversity issues, including dual language learners
- Supervision skills
- Braided and Blended Classrooms
- Examples of successful local program initiatives that can be replicated
- Program administration (especially for front office staff)
- CLASS
- School Readiness
- Maintaining Quality While Reducing Budgets
- Child Safety

Workshops should be 75 minutes long. Set-up time is minimal, so please keep that in mind when planning your presentation. Since this is an education center that will be used for classes at night, there is little or no flexibility in room set up. Most rooms are classroom set

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The usual suspects — Virginia Library Association, Virginia Office of the Governor, Virginia Head Start Association, Inc., Read Aloud 15 MINUTES, Lunar and Planetary Institute, Young Adult Library Services Association



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 22-24, 2014 Virginia Library Association Williamsburg

National Conferences

November 14-16, 2014 YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium Austin

January 30–February 3, 2015 American Library Association Midwinter Conference Chicago

June 25-30, 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference San Francisco

Online Courses

January 12, 2015–February 21, 2015 Bilingual Storytime and Library Outreach (Katie Scherrer) online

Training

November 13, 2014 Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (LVA & VDOE) Wise

November 19, 2014 Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (LVA & VDOE) Roanoke

Read Aloud 15 MINUTES

Campaign Asks Parents To Feed Babies' Brains As Well As Bodies

Read Aloud 15 MINUTES is a non-profit organization that is working to make reading aloud every day for at least 15 minutes the new standard in child care. When every child is read aloud to for 15 minutes every day from birth, more children will be ready to learn when they enter kindergarten, more children will have the literacy skills needed to succeed in school, and more children will be prepared for a productive and meaningful life after school.

Throughout the month of October, **Read Aloud 15 MINUTES** and its more than 900 partners nationwide (<http://readaloud.org/nationalpartners.html>) are devoting their messaging to "**Let's Talk: Nourishment**" a series of messages that encourages parents to seize responsibility for nourishing their children's brains as well as their bodies.

"From the moment babies are born, parents devote so much energy to keeping their children well nourished," says **Read Aloud 15 MINUTES** founder, **Dr. Candace Kendle**. "We want parents to make the connection that babies' brains are also in need of food: brain food."

Brain food, Kendle explains, comes in the form of exposure to vocabulary; knowledge-building; and rich interactions with loved ones. What activity checks all of these "nutritional" boxes? Reading aloud. "One of the best activities for nourishing a baby's brain," she says, "is reading aloud together for at least 15 minutes every day from birth."

During the month of October, **Read Aloud 15 MINUTES** and its coalition of partners - from corporations such as UPS and Home Depot, to educational giants such as SUNY and the University of North Carolina, to hundreds of grassroots groups, such as local school districts, libraries, and day care centers in all 50 states - will collaborate to reach a broad audience of parents and caregivers.

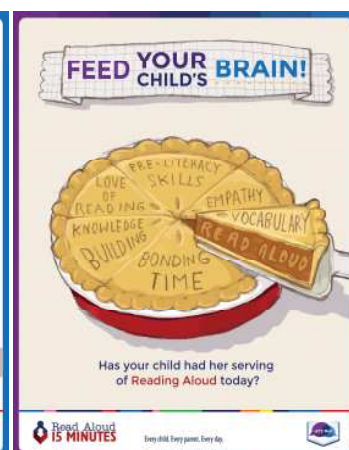
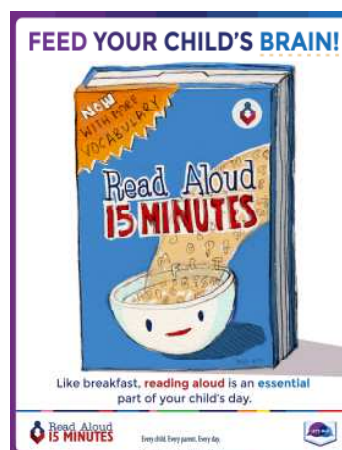
"October is very school-focused, and can be the time for parent-teacher conferences," notes **Read Aloud 15 MINUTES** Executive Director, **Bob Robbins**. "Our 'Let's Talk' pulse wants to make it a season for every parent to reflect on their own role as a child's first and most important teacher, and to encourage conversations about the importance of reading aloud among all the people who interact with children - day care providers, caregivers, teachers, grandparents and parents."

To learn more or participate in October's "**Let's Talk: Nourishment**" Campaign, visit www.readaloud.org and also "**Why a National Campaign?**"



Promoting Read Aloud 15 MINUTES in your libraries

Download and print the campaign posters:
<http://readaloud.org/downloads.html>



Spanish versions of the posters are also available for downloading.

Post the posters in places where it will reach parents of young children.

Take photos of library and community leaders holding one of the posters, and post the photos in the library, on social media networks, and send to the news media.

Check out the **Read Aloud 15 MINUTES** website for more information and resources:
<http://readaloud.org/index.html>



Source: Emails from Bob Robbins, Executive Director, Read Aloud 15 MINUTES National Campaign

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"It's exciting to know that so many more of Virginia's children are receiving nutritious meals during the summer months when for so many a meal is not a guarantee," said **First Lady, Dorothy McAuliffe**. "It is through strong collaboration and partnerships across the Commonwealth that we can continue to see success in alleviating childhood hunger and improving access to healthful foods."

"Summer can be the hungriest time of year for those children who rely on school meals," said **Josh Wachs**, Chief Strategy Officer for Share Our Strength. "The No Kid Hungry campaign was proud to work with Governor and First Lady McAuliffe this summer to feed more kids than ever before. Their bold and innovative strategy to expand the summer meals program resulted in a huge win for kids and families across the Commonwealth."

Governor McAuliffe and the First Lady are committed to ensuring that participation in the Summer Food Service Program continues to grow. Staff from Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will be conducting community meetings this week to strengthen the state's partnership with sponsors and feeding site operators in efforts to expand participation in 2015. If your non-profit organization is interested in becoming a sponsor or feeding site, please contact VDH at 804-864-7800.

Press Release, September 26, 2014, from the Office of the Governor ■

VAHSA 2015 Call for Proposals

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-up. (Everyone wants round tables; unfortunately that is not possible in this setting!) This is a state-of-the-art facility with built-in projectors, screens, and laptop.

The Association Conference attracts a diverse audience made up of program directors, staff, parents, community friends and federal representatives, all with a common interest in providing comprehensive early childhood and family-focused services of the highest quality.

Please observe the deadline for proposals, remembering that we cannot open registration until all proposals are approved.

Proposals due November 15, 2014.

All proposals must be submitted electronically. Use this link: <http://www.headstartva.org/conference/call-for-proposals-form.php>

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Lunar and Planetary Institute

LPI Earth and Space Science News



The **LPI Earth and Space Science News** is available on our website, and also through a regularly update RSS feed.

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/resources/news/>

Included in this issue:

- Link to a total lunar eclipse, a comet's near approach to Mars, the arrival of missions at Ceres and Pluto, Earth Science Week, Solar Week, and more in **Calendar**
- Learn about online seminars in science, a free Mars education conference and a small bodies workshop in Arizona, and more at **Workshops and Courses**
- Check out a total lunar eclipse, the Humans in Space Art Video Challenge, an online event about mapping Earth's water cycle, a SkyFest event at LPI about Mars and comet Siding Spring, a free presentation at LPI about the movie "The Core," and more in **Events**
- Participate in Mercury student research, the Sally Ride EarthKAM missions, become a Solar System Ambassador, and more, in **Get Involved**
- Apply for the Texas Medical Association's Outstanding Science Teacher Award, the ING Unsung Heroes class project awards, the Shell Science Teaching Award or the 2015 Leavey Awards in **Grants and Awards**
- Connect to lunar eclipse resources, children's website about climate change, a free eBook about the stars with tools for children with disabilities, videos and activities that explore Earth science's "Big Ideas," video on the scale of the Universe, the Earth Science Week online toolkit, and resources on climate and energy literacy in **Resources**
- Read about evidence of plate tectonics on Europa, a massive black hole in a tiny galaxy, the age of water in the solar system, MAVEN's arrival at Mars, continuing decline of Arctic sea ice, Earth observing instruments on the ISS, and how astronomers determined that the Milky Way is part of a newly identified supercluster, in **Mission News and Science**

Humans in Space Art Video Challenge

www.HumansInSpaceArt.org

The 2014 Humans in Space Art Video Challenge is now open! The individual or team that creates the first place overall video will be awarded \$5000 by

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LPI Earth and Space Science News

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the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS), and winning artwork will be given worldwide visibility and flown in orbit on the International Space Station.

Join NASA's International Space Station Program and Humans in Space Art in a journey of exploration. Interested college students and early career professionals worldwide are invited to influence the future of life on Earth and human space exploration. Individuals and teams should submit a three minute video capturing their visions of "How will space, science and technology benefit humanity?" Video artwork may be any style. Younger participants may submit a video, but artwork from artists of all ages will be judged together. Entries are due November 15, 2014.

Solar System Ambassadors Program Application Deadline Extended

<http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/>.

The NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Ambassadors, or SSA, Program, a nationwide network of space enthusiast volunteers, extended its application deadline to Wednesday, October 15. Highly motivated individuals will be given the opportunity to represent NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory as volunteer Solar System Ambassadors to the public for a one-year, renewable term beginning January 1, 2015.

While applications are being sought nationwide, interested parties from the following states are especially encouraged to apply: Alaska, Delaware, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Wyoming and the District of Columbia. SSA hopes to add 100 new volunteers to the program in 2015. If you have questions about this opportunity, contact Kay Ferrari, SSA Coordinator, by email at ambasad@jpl.nasa.gov.

Email September 26, 2014 from Christine Shupla, Formal Education Lead Specialist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute ■

Free VLA Webinar

So You Want to Be a Book Reviewer

Date.....Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Time.....1pm-2pm

Location.....Your desk!

Description

Always wanted to see your name in print, or been curious about trying your hand at book reviewing? Trying to get published so you've got something to put on your CV/resume? Just want some free books for yourself or your library? Join two experienced book reviewers with a combined 12 years of reviewing experience for a practical, tip-filled webinar that will tell you all you need to know about becoming a successful book reviewer, regardless of the type of library you work for. There will be plenty of time to ask all your burning review questions, too!

Click here to register in advance:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/190655792237838849>

This webinar is FREE.

Presenters

Barbara Ferrara (Chesterfield County Public Library) and **Megan Hodge** (Virginia Commonwealth University) have reviewed for the following publications:

- Library Journal
- Library Management
- Library Quarterly
- LOEX Quarterly
- NMRT Endnotes
- NMRT Footnotes
- School Library Journal
- Women in Libraries

Email October 6, 2014 sent to VLA GoogleGroups ■



More Space Science Opportunities

Sally Ride EarthKAM Announces 2014 Fall Missions

Taking photos from space through EarthKAM

Students and educators have two chances to participate in **Sally Ride EarthKAM** this fall. The 2014 fall missions are scheduled to take place **October 21-24, 2014**, and **November 18-21, 2014**. Guide your students in hands-on research as they program a camera aboard the International Space Station to take pictures of specific locations on Earth. The optional online curricula at the Sally Ride EarthKAM website are targeted at middle school students but are adaptable for other grade levels. All students and educators are welcome, including participants in afterschool programs. For more information and to register for an upcoming mission, visit the Sally Ride EarthKAM home page at <https://earthkam.ucsd.edu/>. If you have questions about the EarthKAM project, please email ek-help@earthkam.ucsd.edu. *Email September 30, 2014 from LaConte, Keliann laconte@lpi.usra.edu 281-486-2166* ■



Young Adult Library Services Association

YALSA News

Apply Now for 2015 Summer Reading/Learning Grants

- YALSA is distributing twenty \$1,000 summer reading resources grants. The grant is meant to help libraries boost their collections by providing funds to purchase reading materials, especially those that help English Language Learners and struggling readers.
- YALSA will provide 20 libraries with \$1,000 each to recruit, train and compensate teen assistants to help with summer reading programs.

Individual library branches within a larger system may apply. **Applications are due January 1, 2015.** Funding is provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Learn more or apply at <http://ow.ly/C8ajW>

Apply Now to Receive a Free 3D Printer

3D Systems will donate up to 4,000 new 3D printers to museums and libraries across the country that join a new MakerLab Club and establish access to 3D printing and design opportunities for their communities. Online applications accepted until **November 17, 2014** at <https://3dsystems.teamplatform.com/pages/78593?t=pz9rl1dlmna>.

Donated printers allocated on a competitive basis.

Learn more at:

www.3dsystems.com/education/partnersandresources/makerlab-club

Advance Registration for the YA Lit Symposium closes October 13

We'd love to see you in Austin, TX, YALSA for the 2014 YA Literature Symposium this year on

November 14-16th. Check out the preliminary program, register at www.ala.org/yalitsymposium. Rates increase after October 13th. Join the conversation on Twitter with #yalit14.

Share Your Tips & Tricks during our Wiki Write-In!

YALSA's celebrating the birthday of the Internet on October 29th with a wiki write-in. We're calling on all library staff to come together on **October 29th** and share their knowledge with the library community at-large by contributing their tips, resources and success stories to YALSA's wiki. Together we can create the premier open access resource for library staff to better serve teens! YALSA's wiki can be found at http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Main_Page

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WebJunction

Library CE Training Institute

With funding from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** and in partnership with **Infopeople**, WebJunction offered a free, 4-month training program for 12 continuing education providers in public libraries who wanted to learn best practices for designing and delivering online learning, in particular looking for approaches to self-paced e-learning that take less time than is customary and make use of existing resources. The cohort explored emerging best practices for effective learning, with a focus on teamwork, sharing, and mutual support. **Enid Costley** was one of the 12 librarians selected to attend.



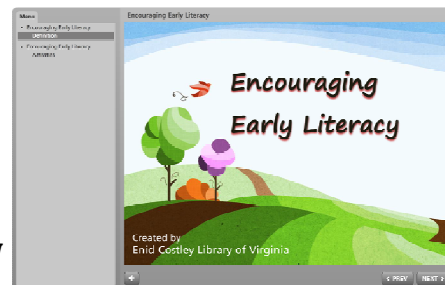
The participants worked as teams to create online courses that would be available to everyone. The five courses developed by the 12 participants are:

- ♦ **Building a Positive Social Media Presence**
- ♦ **Coping with Change**
- ♦ **Encouraging Early Literacy**
- ♦ **Having Fun at Work Again**
- ♦ **Providing Constructive Employee Feedback**

Description for Enid's course "Encouraging Early Literacy":

It takes a Library to encourage children. Everyone in the Library can support, promote and encourage early literacy. This course provides an overview of early literacy and ways library staff can interact with children to encourage singing, talking, reading, writing and playing.

It takes 1½ hours to take the course. It can be accessed here: <http://moodle.lva.virginia.gov/>



Source: WebJunction and Library of Virginia ■